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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the

application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for managing data including the steps of:

(a)   creating a questionnaire comprising a series of questions;

(b)   tokenizing said questionnaire <u>for reducing bandwidth requirements</u>; thereby
       producing a plurality of tokens representing said questionnaire;

(c)   transmitting said plurality of tokens to a remote computing device;

(d)   executing at least a portion of said plurality of tokens representing said
       questionnaire at said remote computing device to collect a response from a
       user;

(e)   transmitting at least a portion of said response from the user to a server via a
       network; and

(f)   storing said response at said server.

2.   (Original) The method for managing data of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

(g)   translating said response to a format recognizable by a particular computer
       program; and

(h)   accessing the translated response from a computer executing said
       particular computer program.

3.   (Original) The method for managing data of claim 1 wherein step (a) includes the

substeps of:

(a) creating a questionnaire by:

       (i)   entering a series of questions into a questionnaire design computer
              program;

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1   (ii)   identifying within said questionnaire design computer program the

2   type of response allowed for each question of said series of

3   questions; and

4   (iii)   identifying within said questionnaire design computer program a

5   branching path in said questionnaire for each possible response to

6   each question of said series of questions.

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8   4.   (Original) The method for managing data of claim 1 wherein step (b) includes the

9   substeps of:

10   (b)   tokenizing said questionnaire thereby producing a plurality of tokens representing

11   said questionnaire by:

12   (i)   assigning at least one token to each question of said series of questions;

13   (ii)   assigning at least one token to each response called for in said series of

14   questions to identify the type of response required; and

15   (iii)   assigning at least one token to each branch in said questionnaire to identify

16   the required program control associated with said branch.

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18   5.   (Original) The method of data management of claim 1 wherein the transmission of said

19   tokens in step (c) occurs via the network of step (e).

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21   6.   (Original) A method for modifying a questionnaire used in data management according

22   to the method of claim 1 including the steps of:

23   (a)   making at least one incremental change to a portion of the questionnaire;

24   (b)   tokenizing said at least one incremental change to said questionnaire;

25   (c)   transmitting at least a portion of said tokens resulting from step (b) to a

26   remote computing device, said transmitted tokens comprising less than the

27   entire tokenized questionnaire;

28   (d)   incorporating said transmitted tokens into said questionnaire at said remote

29   computing device.

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2   7.   (Original) A method for collecting survey data from a user comprising:

3   (a)   designing a questionnaire having branching logic on a first computer platform;

4   (b)   automatically transferring said designed questionnaire to at least one
5   loosely networked computer;

6   (c)   executing said transferred questionnaire on said loosely networked
7   computer, thereby collecting responses from the user;

8   (d)   automatically transferring via the loose network any responses so
9   collected to a central computer; and,

10   (e)   making available on the Web any responses transferred to said central
11   computer in step (d).

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13   8.   (Original) The method for collecting survey data according to claim 7 further
14   comprising:

15   (a)   assessing a charge for each transferred response received by said central
16   computer.

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18   9.   (Currently Amended) A method for managing data transfers between computers
19   including the steps of:

20   (a)   creating a questionnaire at a first site in a first computer located at a second site,
21   said first site and said second site being connected by a loose network;

22   (b)   transmitting said question to a remote computer via said network, said remote
23   computer running an OIS;

24   (c)   modifying said questionnaire with incremental changes at a third site in said first
25   computer located at said second site; and

26   (d)   modifying said questionnaire in said remote computer with said incremental
27   changes.

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29   10.   (Original) The method for managing data transfers between computers according to

30   claim 9 wherein said first site and said third site are the same.

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33   11.   (Original) The method for managing data transfers between computers according to

34   claim 9 wherein said third site is at said remote computer.

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